

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| Title: | COHERENT LIGHT SOURCE AND RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS USING THE SAME | | |

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed August 13, 2003, said period of response being extended from November 13, 2003 to February 13, 2004.

A one-month extension was previously requested up to December 13, 2003, and the fee of \$110.00 paid. Accordingly, our check in the amount of \$840.00 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity (\$950 less the \$110 previously paid) is enclosed.

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